

## TIMES-VIRGINIAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1920

Appomattox County Population

1920	1910	1900	
Appomattox County	250	284	302

Clover Hill District, including part of Pamplin City town ..... 230 261 301

Shenandoah District ..... 148 155 155

Pamplin City town ..... 231 268 268

TOBACCO SITUATION

As we view the serious crisis in the tobacco market it looks bad for the farmer.

Last year's crop brought good prices, but not too much, when compared with labor, conditions and farm machinery, not taking into account the increase in kinds of taxes on the farm and implements thereof.

Now when the crop is made for this year and the farmers' obligations are maturing, they are confronted with the cost which will not bear the cost of production. The department of agriculture at Washington alleges that it warned the farmers last year not to produce too much tobacco in 1920, at least to curtail the crop. Our farmers have no recollection of such a warning. The report just sent out says that the damage to the crop has not been in about 22,000,000 pounds in Virginia alone, and that the crop stands only 82 per cent of the ten-year average for Virginia.

State Commissioner Koimer urges the farmers to hold the crop and asks the business men and the bankers to hold the farm all they can in holding the crop for other prices.

The bright market is completely demoralized, it is said, and the warehousemen have closed, awaiting some better demand for the tobacco.

Is it possible that a conspiracy has been entered into by the buyers to hold the present crop, and to raise the price of last year's crop, thereby reducing the cost of the 1919 crop?

Commissions are investigating the cause, but little relief is expected from the findings.

It is not possible for our government to ascertain the foreign and home consumption of tobacco and fix a price for the foreign tobacco which would be sure to regulate and stabilize the production and price at home.

Already the call to higher wages in the cities and on public works depleted the farm labor, and our opinion is that the tobacco crop, which is already short, will be greatly affected another year, for the want of labor at a fair price.

Buckingham

The death of Raymond Barker, which took place in a Richmond hospital, at the time it did, was a surprise, as it was hoped, after he lived so long after he was shot by the bandit recoverer, Wyatt Pendleton, in jail here, charged with the shooting, will probably be indicted by a Grand Jury on Sept. 14th, the first day of the fall term of circuit court.

John B. Boatwright, chairman of the Democratic County Committee of the Commonwealth, addressed to the women of this county who are eligible, urging them to pay their poll tax of \$1.00 each and register so as to be ready to vote in the coming election; and he calls attention to the fact that this capitalization tax will have to be paid next year, anyway.

Two commissioners are watching with keen interest the move that has been launched by Commissioner Koimer to help the farmers get a fair price for their tobacco. The daily papers, too, with commendable zeal have taken the matter up, and one daily says editorially that the time has come for the slump in prices. Owing chiefly to weather conditions and scarcity of labor, the present crop cannot be put on the market as early as it is usual for it to be sold.

There is diversity of opinion among the amount of damage to the crops caused by the recent freshets in the streams; the corn, however, is being utilized to some extent for feeding hogs.

The High School opened here Monday morning with a faculty as capable as will be found in any school I know, and we are sure to have a good year.

W. S. Huskins is offering his personal property and his farm here for sale and will probably spend some time in the valley after he disposes of his property.

Mr. Hugh Moss has returned from the hospital where he has been operated on, and he will have to return for further treatment.

Mr. John W. Huskins is located now at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The negro Baptist Association was held at Mount of Olives church near Dilwyn, and one of the fathers, be it noted, told me they had everything to tempt the appetite, but the food, as a general thing, was on sale.

I am sorry to report that Judge A. S. Hall does not improve as we had all hoped for. He has gone to Atlanta for treatment and Dr. James N. Ellis, one of his brothers-in-law.

Mr. Langdon Henderlite will

be a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, this session and his mother will keep house in Richmond. Robert Henderlite will go again to King College, at Bristol, Tenn.

The Board of Supervisors

have decided to settle the county's money in the bank.

Rev. Mr. Barrell announced

on Sunday that the union

prayer meeting would be re-

sumed this week.

Fertilizer Prices Increasing

Higher fertilizer prices for next year's crop seem inevitable according to the fertilizer manufacturers, who state that they are struggling to make up their price lists for this fall so as to satisfy the government, under whose control they still work, and at the same time leave themselves a margin of profit against the rising cost of raw materials.

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willing to hazard a guess as to what prices will be next spring, as the raw materials now being purchased are for the fall out put. If a general decline in prices of everything takes place before the spring materials are bought, prices to the farmer may be lower in spring, but there is no prospect at present of the general stabilization that will bring this about.

The advice of these men, and it is probably the best we have to go on, is for the farmers who expect to use fertilizer next year to figure in with them how much is to be paid when the fertilizer is bought to town let the home and stored.

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STOCK KILLED—DOGS

J. T. Dinkins, sheep killed

E. M. Brinkard, executing warrants

for violation of dog law

T. W. Walker, trapping and trying warrants—dog cases

LUNACY

J. P. Johnson, conveying W. R. Johnson to Lynchburg

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### Proceedings of Board of Supervisors for September

At a meeting of Board of Supervisors of Appomattox county held at the Clerk's office on September 8—present: W. H. Anderson, S. E. Anderson, S. L. Anderson, the following claims were presented to the Board and examined and approved, and warrants ordered drawn for their payment:

#### POOR HOUSE AND PAUPERS

G. P. Jennings, work on Hebrew road

D. L. Martin, whitewashing, etc.

C. W. Smith, assistant land assessor, 26 days

ROAD MAINTENANCE

G. P. Jennings, work on Hebrew road

H. W. McKinnon, auto hire

Appo. Hwy Co., supplies

Brown & Smith, whitewashing

John C. H. Armstrong

Thomas Guill, team and driver

Steph. Franklin, labor

Arthur Johnson, labor

Ernest Wright, labor

Clarence Johns, labor

W. H. Head, labor

Caleb Carter, team

On the recommendation of S. G. Harvey, overseer of the poor for Southside district, Robert

Fleshman is placed on the pa-

uper list at \$2.50 per month un-

til the further order of the

Board.

The question of rebuilding

the bridge over North's creek

was taken up by E. Owen

and a bid of \$850 to build

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necessary fills and build a

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